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FOR USE WITH PREEEXISTING MASS-  
MANUFACTURED TILES

**CLAIM TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS:** Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §1.27 is claimed.

**CONTINUING APPLICATION STATUS:** Continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/955,697, filed 19 September 2001  
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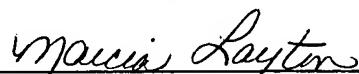
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**REQUEST FOR NONPUBLICATION AND CERTIFICATION  
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